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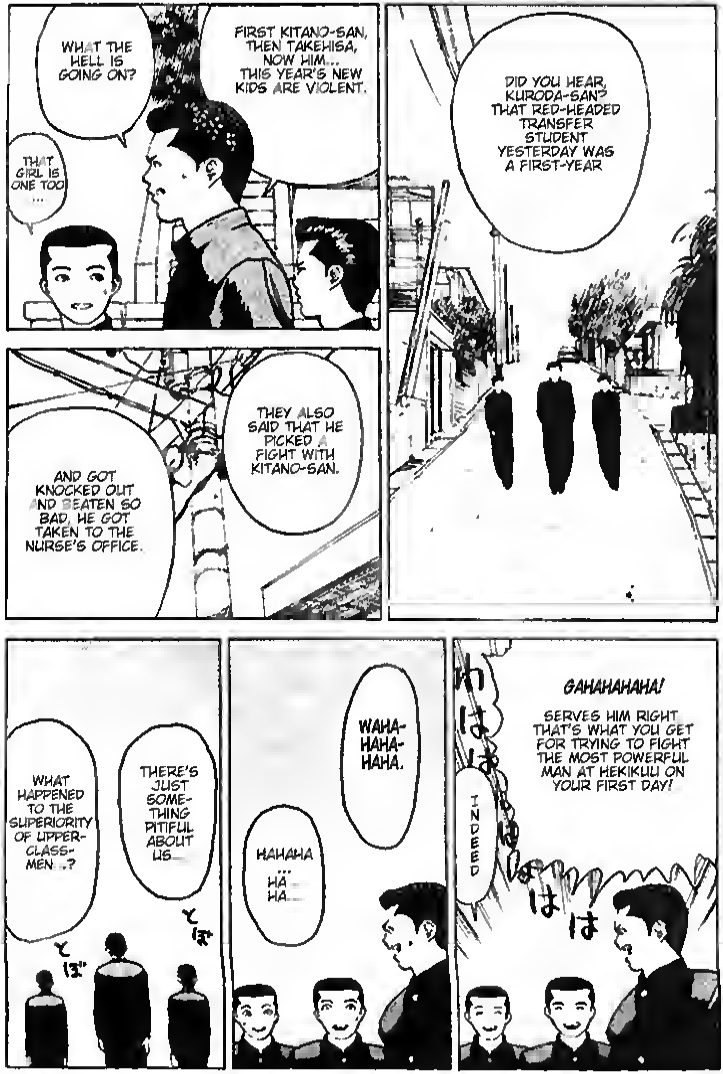
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
FIRST KITANO-SAN, THEN TAKEHISA, NOW HIM... THIS YEAR'S NEW KIDS ARE VIOLENT.
THAT GIRL IS ONE TOO ...
DID YOU HEAR, KURODA-SAN? THAT RED-HEADED TRANSFER STUDENT YESTERDAY WAS A FIRST-YEAR
THEY ALSO SAID THAT HE PICKED A FIGHT WITH KITANO-SAN.
AND GOT KNOCKED OUT AND BEATEN SO BAD, HE GOT TAKEN TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUPERIORITY OF UPPER-CLASS-MEN ..?
THERE'S JUST SOME-THING PITIFUL ABOUT US...
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WAHA-HAHA-HAHA.
HAHAHA ... HA HA...
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GAHAHAHAHA!
SERVES HIM RIGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO FIGHT THE MOST POWERFUL MAN AT HEKIKUU ON YOUR FIRST DAY!

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OH...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO CONFRONT US AGAIN
DAMN, THAT RED-HEAD FIRST-YEAR AGAIN...
UH
OKAY
OKAY, JUST IGNORE HIM, GOT IT?! DON'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYES!
YES, WE ARE SO PITIFUL

HUH ...?
HEY, GUARDIAN ...
HUH?
HUH?
ME?
THERE'S NO NEED TO IGNORE ME JUST BECAUSE I GOT BEAT BY ONE OF YOUR CRONIES.
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S NO WONDER YOU CAN LOOK DOWN ON ME BECAUSE I WAS POUNDED TO A PULP BY LESSER MEN.
I UNDERSTAND YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE.

WHO IS THAT GUY?
THEN... THERE WAS THIS DEMONIC-LOOKING GUY WHO LET OUT THIS HELLA FREAKISH SCREAM AND RAN AT ME.
AND I EVEN TOOK A KILLER HIGH-KICK TO THE FACE FROM SOME NORMAL GIRL.
I GOT WASTED BY THAT BLOND PUNK YOU WERE DISSING,
I COULDN'T STAND UP TO THE FIRST GUY I MET.
YOU KNOW, THIS TOWN REALLY SURPRISED ME.
HIGH-KICK ...?
W- WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KURODA-SAN?!
THAT REALLY HURT
HE IS THE TRUE GUAR...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
OWW!
YOW!

THE RIGHT HAND MAN OF KURODA SEIKICHI, GUARDIAN OF HEKIKUU.
HE IS THE NO. 2 OF HEKIKUU.
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AHHH, SHUT UP! YOU GUYS PIPE DOWN!
HE'S NOT THE NO. 2...
W... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KURODA-SAN?!
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SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
IF KITANO-SAN HEARS YOU DID THIS...
B... BUT STILL

WE KNOW, SIR, WE KNOW. IT'S A VERY NICE WORD.
ONCE I LOST IT, I FIRST UNDERSTOOD HOW MUCH I REALLY LOVE THAT WORD.
PEOPLE HATED ME FOR USING A WORD THAT WAS SO OLD, SO OUT OF THE TIMES, SO HELPLESSLY UNHIP...
BUT NOW THAT I HAVE LOST THAT HONOR, HEARING IT AGAIN FILLS ME WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.
GUARDIAN...
THEN YOU ARE INDEED THE MIGHTY GUARDIAN I SENSED.
IF YOU CAN REALLY ORDER AROUND THAT DEMON OF A GUY...
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HUH?
I KNOW I'M GOING TO LOSE, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD I ACTUALLY AM
AND THAT MAKES ME WISH TO CROSS FISTS WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN.
YOU'LL FIGHT WITH ME TODAY, WON'T YOU?
THESE ARE YESTERDAY'S WOUNDS. THEY DON'T AFFECT ME AT ALL.

BUT YOU ARE SADLY MISTAKEN.
HEH... YOU'RE A LIVELY FELLOW...
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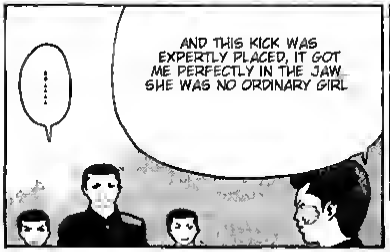
WILL HE NEVER LEARN...?
I KNEW IT! THAT VIOLENT PRICK...
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME, YOU MUST PASS THE BLOND KID AND THE NO. 2 FIRST!
IF YOU CANNOT MATCH MY NO. 2 OR THAT BLOND FOOL, THEN HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO CHALLENGE ME?!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIGHT YOU YET.
Y... YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT...
AH...
FIRST I JUST HAVE TO TAKE OUT THAT BLOND KID, RIGHT?
OKAY, I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY AND BATTLE MY WAY THROUGH THE RANKS ONE BY ONE...
UH...
THAT WAS QUICK! DON'T TELL ME THAT'S ALL YOU GUYS HAVE!
WHAT... ALREADY?
OH... UH, THE NO 2... MAYBE...?
HUH?
WHO DO I BEAT?
WHO'S AFTER THAT?
OH, I GET IT...
WE FIGHT WITH QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY!
WE PICK ONLY THE FINEST OUT OF ALL THE HUNDREDS THAT WANT TO JOIN OUR GANG!
WE'RE A SMALL NUMBER OF ELITE WARRIORS!
Y... YOU MORON! WE AREN'T THE TYPE TO FIND STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

IT'S OKAY. EVEN IF HE MANAGES TO BEAT TAKEHISA, HE'LL NEVER DEFEAT KITANO-SAN.
HE'LL NEVER GET AROUND TO ME.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT, KURODA-SAN...?

BASICALLY, IF I BEAT THEM, I CAN FIGHT YOU.
THAT'S COOL. I LIKE THINGS SIMPLE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
OH, ONE MORE THING. GIRLS AT THIS SCHOOL AREN'T LIKE, REQUIRED TO STUDY KICKING OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
I GET IT...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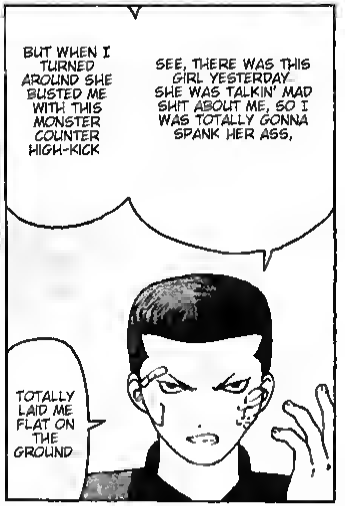
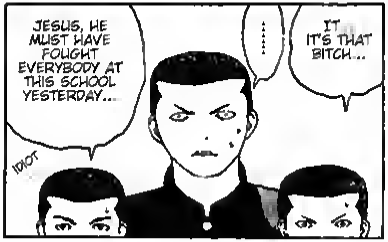
AND THIS KICK WAS EXPERTLY PLACED, IT GOT ME PERFECTLY IN THE JAW. SHE WAS NO ORDINARY GIRL


BUT WHEN I TURNED AROUND SHE BUSTED ME WITH THIS MONSTER COUNTER HIGH-KICK
SEE, THERE WAS THIS GIRL YESTERDAY. SHE WAS TALKIN' MAD SHIT ABOUT ME, SO I WAS TOTALLY GONNA SPANK HER ASS,
TOTALLY LAID ME FLAT ON THE GROUND


JESUS, HE MUST HAVE FOUGHT EVERYBODY AT THIS SCHOOL YESTERDAY...
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IT IT'S THAT BITCH...

THAT'S THE THING, SHE WAS TURNING AROUND DURING THE KICK, SO I DON'T REMEMBER HER FACE
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HER FACE LOOKED LIKE?
UH...
NO, NO
WHAT, YOU KNOW HER?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIND HER AND TEACH HER A LESSON...
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET...
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JUST LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU GOT IT?!
KOISO RYOKO FROM CLASS 1-7 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
WHAT?
HUH?
JUST BECAUSE SHE KNOWS KOBUJUTSU AND HAS A BAD MOUTH DOESN'T PROVE THAT IT'S HER!
HUH? KOBU-JUTSU?
I'LL JUST HIT UP EVERY PERSON WHO KNOWS KARATE OR SOMETHING...
B... BUT YOU DON'T REMEMBER HER FACE
BUT STILL, YOU DON'T HAVE PROOF...

THIS IS AN IRONCLAD RULE OF KURODA SEIKICHI, GUARDIAN OF HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL! REMEMBER IT WELL!
AT ANY RATE, I FORBID YOU TO HARM ANY NORMAL STUDENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE BEATEN ME!
I... I GET IT...
UH.. OKAY
I'LL TAKE YOU ON AS SOON AS YOU'VE BEATEN MY NO. 2.
WELL, GOOD LUCK.
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FORGIVE ME FOR SHOUTING
AS AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND, AS GUARDIAN, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT MY STUDENTS
HAH, WHATEVER

I KNEW HE WAS A BIG MAN FROM THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON HIM
AND SUCH A STRONG GUARDIAN SPIRIT. HE FEELS THE CALL TO PROTECT HIS NORMAL STUDENTS...
I THOUGHT HE WAS A LAID-BACK GUY, BUT I GUESS HE'S PRETTY DAMN SERIOUS...
WHEW, WHAT A SURPRISE
YESTERDAY I LOST BECAUSE I WAS WOUNDED AND HE ENRAGED ME WITH HIS WILY TAUNTING
BUT HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF GUY I'D LOSE TO IF I WAS IN GOOD CONDITION...
SO, FIRST COMES THAT LITTLE BLOND PRICK
OH...
LIKE A SNOWY BLAST...
IT GOT COLD ALL OF A SUDDEN
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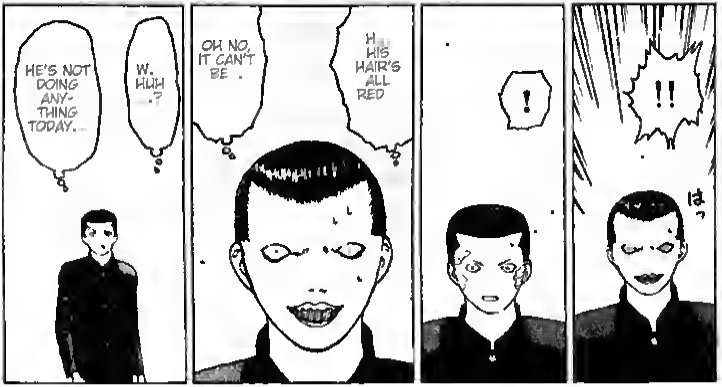
IT'S HEKI-KUU'S NO. 2...
D@MN... I KNEW IT...
IS HE REALLY HUMAN ...?
AND HIS FACE IS SO FRIGHTENING I COULD FAINT ONCE @GAIN...
I'LL LEAVE THIS ONE FOR LATER...
A.. ANYWAYS, BETTER GET THE BLOND GUY FIRST.


HE'S NOT DOING ANY-THING TODAY...
W. HUH ..?
OH NO, IT CAN'T BE .
H HIS HAIR'S ALL RED
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KIEEEEEEEEE
WAAAAH!
HE'S COMING AFTER ME AGAIN!!
WHAT THE-?!
I ALREADY TOOK HIM TO THE INFIRMARY ONCE, SO WHY IS HIS HEAD BLEEDING AGAIN?!
WE HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING—
GODDAMNIT, THIS IS THE EXACT SAME THING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY!
THAT FUCKER'S TOTALLY NUTS TO BEGIN WITH!
THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT OF ORDER, BUT HE STARTED THIS FIGHT!

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DE-YAAH!!

IT DELIVERS A STRONG BLOW TO THE BACK AND KNOCKS THE WIND OUT OF THE OPPON—
HAHAHA, MY ARM TOSS!

HUH?

W...WHAT THE...?!
HE'S INVINCIBLE...!
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WHY DOES HE RESIST SO MUCH?!
DOES HE HATE THE HOSPITAL?
I GUESS EVERYONE DOES, BUT.
AAAH!!
AAAH!!
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, YOU'LL DIE!

IS HE AIMING FOR MY EYES?! TALK ABOUT DANGEROUS!
W-WHAT'S WITH THESE OVERARM BLOWS AIMED AT MY FACE...?!
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HE'S BORDER-LINE INSANE!
DAMN... I'M SCARED HE'S SO FEROCIOUS...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

MUST TAKE HIM TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE...
MUST HURRY...
OH, KITANO-KUN...
IT'S A FIGHT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SETTLE DOWN, TAKASHI... BE CALM AND WATCH HIS MOVEMENTS
YOU WERE CONFUSED AT FIRST, BUT HE'S MOVING DIRECTLY, THERE'S NO TRICK TO IT...
READ HIS TIMING, AND BRING IN A COUNTER
KIEEEE!!

GOT ONE IN!
YES!
YOU'LL DIE OF EXCESS BLOOD LOSS.
NO, NO, YOU MUSN'T STRUGGLE!
GAH!
HAH...
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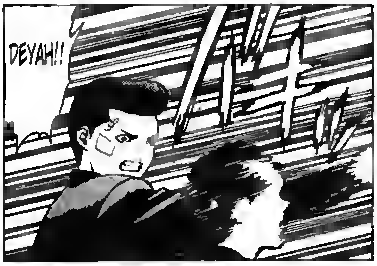
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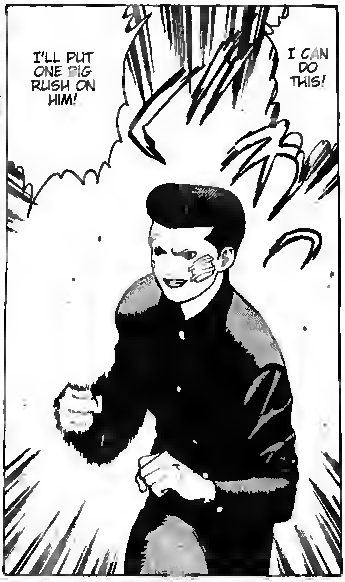
I'LL PUT ONE BIG RUSH ON HIM!
I CAN DO THIS!

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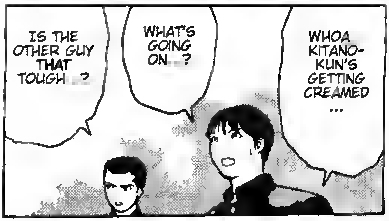
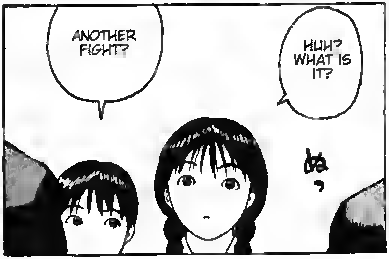
DORYAH!
DAAH!


IS THE OTHER GUY THAT TOUGH...?
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHOA KITANO-KUN'S GETTING CREAMED...


ANOTHER FIGHT?
HUH? WHAT IS IT?

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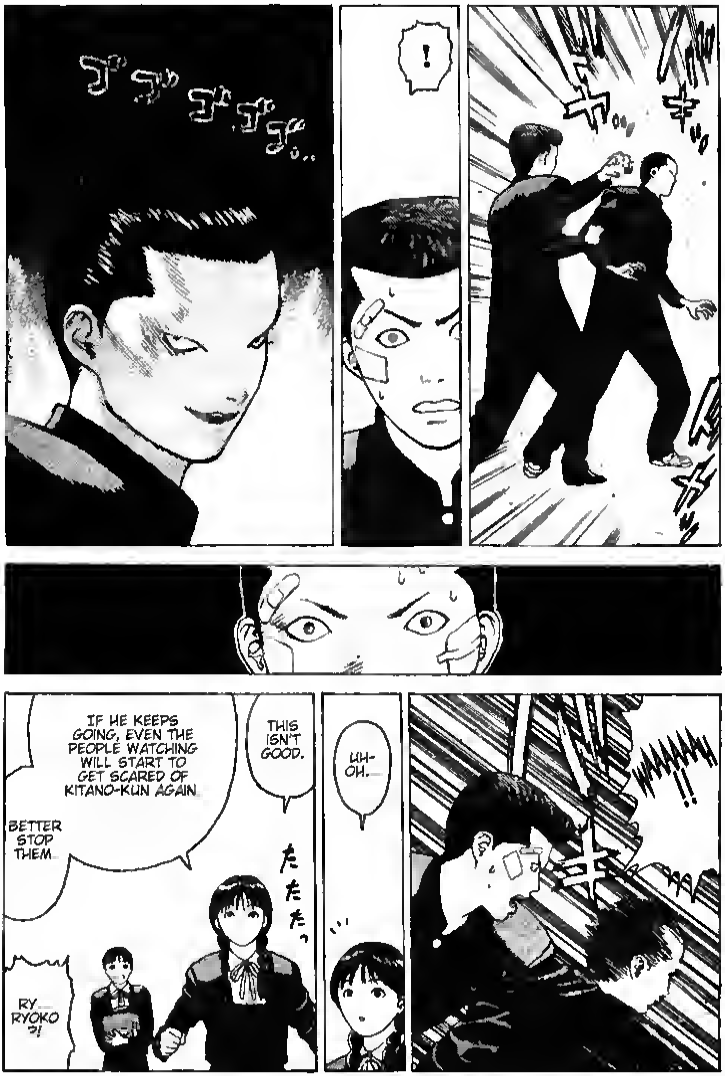
AHHHHH, IT'S KITANO-KUN!
WHAAT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY IS KITANO-KUN IN A FIGHT, THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
IT'S MORE LIKE HE'S JUST GETTING BEATEN UP.
WELL, KNOWING KITANO-KUN, HE PROBABLY GOT MISUNDERSTOOD AND CAUGHT UP IN SOME SILLY PROBLEM.
BUT STILL-!
THAT'S WHAT HE'S LIKE
HEH, IT'S KINDA LIKE...
IT'S KIND OF A SURPRISE...
HE'S REALLY AMAZING.
R... RYOKO, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU HAVE TO GO SAVE HIM

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEING BEATEN SOUNDLY, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY AVOIDING ALL THE BLOWS WITH THE SMALLEST MOVEMENT NECESSARY.
THIS IS THE BIGGEST SECRET TO KITANO-KUN'S STRENGTH.
IT'S LIKE THE REFLEXES OF MIYAMOTO MUSASHI.
TO AN AMATEUR IT MAY SEEM SO, BUT HE HASN'T ACTUALLY GOTTEN ONE GOOD PUNCH OFF ON KITANO-KUN.
NO NEED.
HUH?
THE MORE YOU HIT HIM, THE MORE HE COMES BACK, SO IN THE END ALL YOU FEEL IS FEAR.
HE'S NOT DOING DAMAGE, BUT BECAUSE HE IS HITTING THE TARGET, YOU HEAR THE SOUND.
PLUS, THE ATTACKER IS THE ONE WHO'S BEING SLOPPY, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY AT ALL.
WHAT IS THIS ...?
W...
CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW THEY FLY THROUGH THE AIR LIKE THAT?!
AND THAT DOUBLE-PALMED BLOW HE HITS THEM WITH!
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE GETS BEATEN...
HE'S NOT GOING DOWN...
H... HEY...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IF HE KEEPS GOING, EVEN THE PEOPLE WATCHING WILL START TO GET SCARED OF KITANO-KUN AGAIN.
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
UH-OH.
BETTER STOP THEM.
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RY... RYOKO ?!
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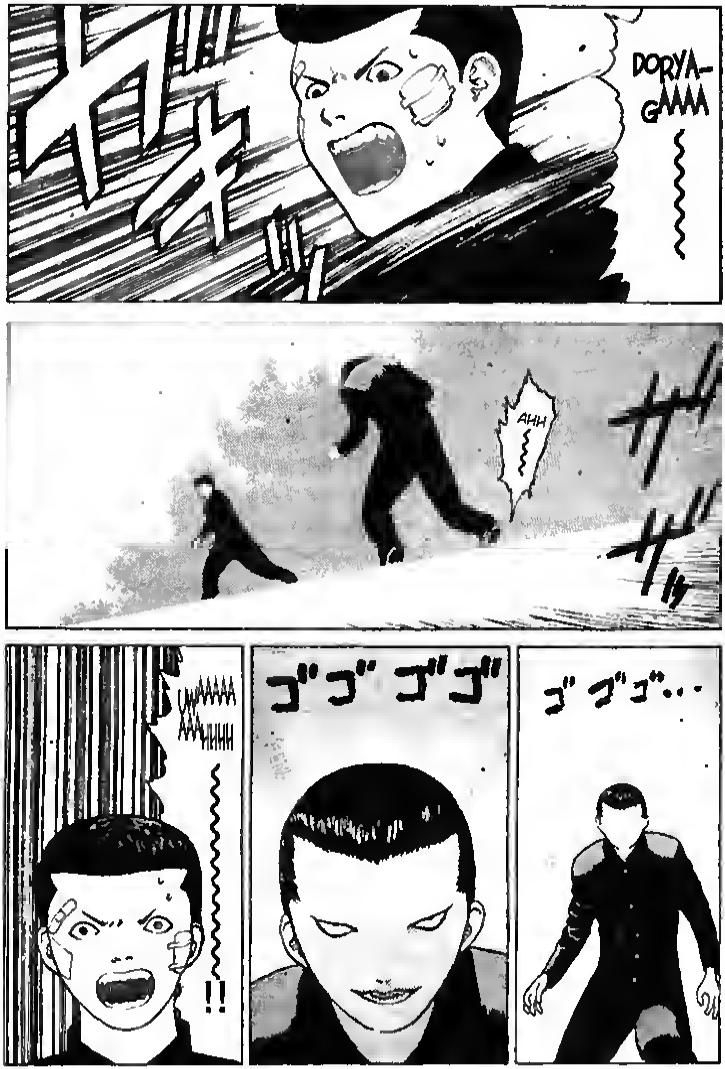
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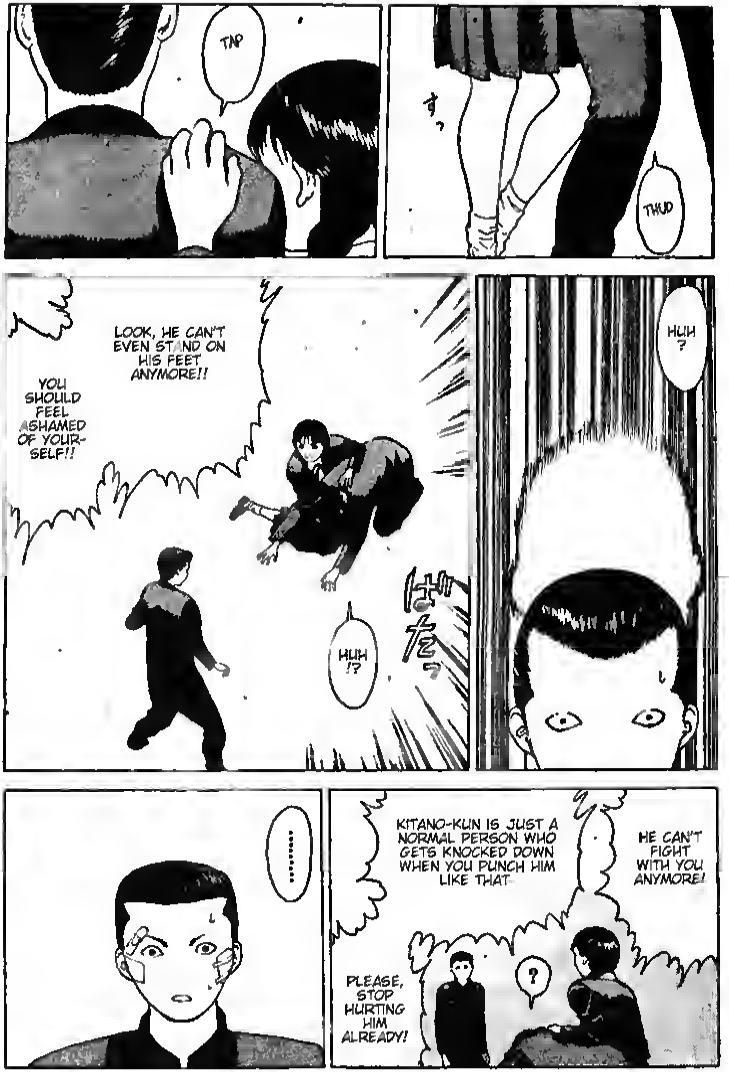
STOP!!

HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH ALREADY?!
STOP IT!

THINK ABOUT POOR KITANO-KUN!
RYOKO-CHAN...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!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LOOK, HE CAN'T EVEN STAND ON HIS FEET ANYMORE!!
YOU SHOULD FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!!
HUH!?
HUH?
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KITANO-KUN IS JUST A NORMAL PERSON WHO GETS KNOCKED DOWN WHEN YOU PUNCH HIM LIKE THAT
HE CAN'T FIGHT WITH YOU ANYMORE!
PLEASE, STOP HURTING HIM ALREADY!
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BWAHAHAHAHA!
I DID IT! I BEAT THE NO. 2!
YOU SEE THAT?! THAT'S THE POWER OF OGISU!
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HA...
HA HAHA ...
I WAS BORN TO BE A FIGHTING MAN, A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST!
TRUE, YOU'RE TOUGH! I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE NO. 2, BUT THE DIFFERENCE IN POTENTIAL HERE IS CLEAR!
WAHAHAHAHA! TIME FOR THE GUARDIAN SHOWDOWN!!
WA HA HA HA HA HA
A...!
FORGIVE ME THIS IS THE FATE OF A FIGHTING MAN.
I DID NOT MEAN TO MAKE YOU CRY
WOMAN
TAKE CARE OF YOUR BOY-FRIEND.

YEAH, HOLY CRAP ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE IMMORTAL KITANO-KUN LOST!
SOMETHING DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THOUGH
KITANO-KUN LOST.
H-HE LOST...
MY EYES GET WATERY WHEN I STARE RIGHT INTO THE SUN, YOU KNOW.
I'M AMAZED YOU EVEN MANAGED TO WRING OUT SOME TEARS.
R... RYOKO ...
HOW WAS THAT? DRAMATIC ENOUGH?
OH!
UMMM... HEY, RYOKO-CHAN.
JUST BEING NATURALLY GIFTED IN REFLEXES IS ONLY GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOU.
BUT YOU KNOW, YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE NORMAL YOURSELF
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I.. I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THAT, KITANO-KUN

I HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH THE GUARDIAN EXPERIENCE ONCE AGAIN.
BESIDES, I'M WALKING ON THE CLOUDS RIGHT NOW.
IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO DO THIS.
UHH...

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DITCH FIRST PERIOD, KURODA-SAN?
YOU CAME HERE ON TIME AND EVERYTHING..

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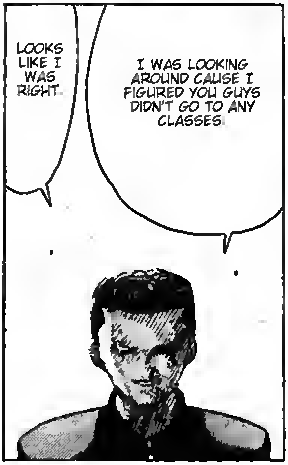
HEY.


LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT.
I WAS LOOKING AROUND CAUSE I FIGURED YOU GUYS DIDN'T GO TO ANY CLASSES.

WHAT'S UP?
DID YOU BEAT THE BLOND KID?

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE RUMBLE TO SEE WHO THIS SCHOOL'S REAL GUARDIAN IS.
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YOU PROMISED.
HE HE HEH...
GO TO CLASS, SON.
HMM? YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME.
LOOK WHO'S TALKING
I KNOW THAT.
I TOLD YOU, YOU HAVE TO BEAT MY NO. 2 RIGHT-HAND-MAN TO FIGHT ME.
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.
HUH?
BECAUSE I ALREADY BEAT YOUR NO. 2
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME ON, AS PROMISED.